

well, it's true that the farmers did not show any interest in ground levelling work in view of its being a costly activity. Generally the State Government a more interested as executing Major irrigation projects and less interested in command area projects.

[English]

SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Mr. Chairman, Sir, if we look at the statements under Annexures I, II, III and IV, for the last three years, the figure in respect of core components of this project in the case of some States like, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Tripura, Dadra and Nagar Haveli is shown as almost 'zero'. May I know from the hon. Minister whether the State Governments have been provided with funds, and if so, whether they have utilised those funds or not? What is the actual position?

[Translation]

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Mr. Chairman, Sir none of them sent any scheme and for that reason zero figure has been shown against the States indicated by hon'ble Member.

[English]

SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI : I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission, time and again, while discussing the Plan with the Irrigation Ministry and the State Government laid special emphasis that the long-term irrigation projects take longer time for execution due to the problem of resources mobilisation and other things. So, the Command Area Development Programme, for utilising the natural resources available in the nearby areas and make the non-irrigated land irrigated by involving the State Governments, should be given the highest priority. In this regard, several State Governments did draw up plans, both the annual plan and a perspective of the entire plan every year. The monitoring is done both by the Centre and the State. I find in the statement which you have given to us that the State which need very badly the Command Area Development Programme aggressively for utilising the non-irrigated land with the help of the Warabandi, levelling of the land and all these schemes which come under the CAD. I did attend two Workshops of the CAD. Nothing has been done so far. Either the States adopt the programme, and you keep quiet or you decide to draw up the programme and the States keep quiet. How will things be placed before you? Now, the statement says, 'the State of West Bengal draws a blank-zero for the four years of the Eighth Five Year Plan, that is, from 1992-96' whereas you could have done enough in Purulia, Bankura and at other places to make the Command Area Development facilities. It is because I attended two Workshops. The Panchayat people are ready to work. But there is no plan and programme. Did you interact with the West Bengal Government? Why

did it remain blank, zero, for the last four years without any exploitation of the Command Area Development Programme? Did you interact with them? You cannot say that you will do nothing and it is up to the State. You are also responsible.

[Translation]

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, should I repeat the same question in reply that the Centre reviews all the schemes forwarded by the State Governments. The State Governments are repeatedly advised to develop all the farmers within command area. If it is not done, the the centre has no agency of its own to develop command areas.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon'ble Members have repeatedly asked the question that until command Area Development Scheme is not implemented properly, no benefit can be desired from irrigation potentiality.

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : That is right.

MR. CHAIRMAN : All the hon'ble Members have one anxiety whether, if considered appropriate, the Minister would call a meeting at his level to find out a way in case the State Governments fail to do this work properly. Whether you will take any utilisation in this regard.

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : The Centre will not take an initiative in the matter of Command Development work.

MR. CHAIRMAN : At least it can do something to review the matter.

SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA : But the authorities of the State Government, their Engineers, Secretaries and at times their Ministers are also called and asked to included the areas falling within irrigated and so that common farmers are benefited. The State Governments take initiative, then we take initiative.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question No. 303, Shri Banwarilal Purohit.

(Interruptions)

DR. GIRIJA VYAS : Mr. Chairman, Sir, Please call out an assurance from the Minister that the Centre would set up a committee to monitor the States. You get as an assurance...(Interruptions)

[English]

#### Conference of Indian System of Medicines

\*303. SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a Conference of Health Ministers, Secretaries and Director of Indian System of Medicines and Homoeopathy was held at New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the details of the important resolutions adopted in the Conference;

(c) whether the Government propose to formulate a medicine policy in respect to ISM and Homoeopathy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the important Resolutions are given in the statement being laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

(c) and (d) The Department has decided in principle, on the recommendation of the Conference, to formulate a national policy on Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy drugs. Action is being initiated in this regard.

#### Statement

1. Recommend to Planning Commission to make available additional resources to the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy and to the State Governments during the Ninth Plan.
2. The State Governments should out of their total budget allocation for the Health Sector separately earmark budgets for the development of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.
3. The Central Government as well as the State Governments shall set aside adequate funds for Information, Education and Communication of the Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.
4. Central Council of Indian Medicine and Central Council of Homoeopathy should carry out an exercise to rationalise the existing standards/norms of education.
5. Standards of education should be improved by ensuring compliance of minimum standards prescribed, in a phased manner.
6. The mushroom growth of sub-standard colleges should be checked.
7. Reorientation training programmes for in service/ Government/Semi-Government teachers, Research Physicians and private practitioners should be organised in a big way by States/ Central Governments.
8. Existing National level institutes should be strengthened. National Institutes of Siddha and Yoga should be established in the Ninth Plan.
9. The Central Council of Research need to be consolidated and strengthened.
10. They should take up project oriented research particularly in the fields of National Health Programmes and Family Welfare Programmes.

11. Universities, public and private research organisations be associated in research and development through extra mural research projects.
12. There is a need to evolve pharmacopoeial standards for Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy drugs. Pharmacopoeial Laboratory of Indian Medicine and Homoeopathy Pharmacopoeial Laboratory, Ghaziabad should be strengthened. Outside agencies be involved in projects for evolving standards.
13. State Governments should develop their own drug testing laboratories.
14. A National policy on Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy drugs be formulated.
15. A Patent Cell be established in the Department of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy.
16. Immediate steps should be taken to conserve, preserve and promote development of medicinal plants, to set up medicinal plants gardens as well as 'Vanaspati Yans' to develop Agro-techniques for Medicinal Plants.
17. The services of the practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy be utilised in executing various National Health Programmes by giving them a short term training and by making them acquainted with the National Health Programmes.

#### [Translation]

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you I would like to recall the hon. Minister the way the Indian system of medicine which includes Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Yoga, Natureopathy and Homoeopathy, has been badly neglected. I mean to say that it has been neglected since not only your resumption office as Minister but the day our country got freedom and during the regime of all the Governments which came into effect. These are all easy means of recouping health. These are the best and the cheapest ways of getting medical treatment by the piers. But the Government has been neglecting this aspect.

I would also like to recall that Shri Antuley Saheb who is sitting over here and when he was the Minister, he convened a conference of Ministers belonging to all the States in which he announced to set up a separate Department. An independent Department would be constituted and duly financed. It was proposed to prepare a project to be completed during a five year plan. A project report amounting Rs. 2500 crore for a Five Year Plan was also made. But what happened. If you see the Budget for 1997-98, you will find that a provision of Rs. 37 crore has been kept. In this way, it is the witness how it has been neglecting badly. Can it serve the purpose? Can it do any welfare of the people of the country?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Mr. Purohit ji, come to the point.

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Chairman, Sir, through you, I would like to ask the Government what it would do to make it effective. His office is sented one and situated at Redcross. The matter has been neglecting totally. What will you do for the purpose? It has been sought to enhance the Budget provision earmarked for this year, that is, Rs. 37 crore to Rs. 2500 crore during the Five year Plan. Would you like to earmark such an amount? Are any efforts are being endeavoured to increase the Budget proposal or will it be continued neglecting? How will it serve the purpose without having sufficient fund?

MR. CHAIRMAN : O.K. You have already asked this question.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : Sir, the hon. Member has raised the question about the Indian system of medicine which covers Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Natureopathy, and Yoga. It has not been getting much importance for any reason...(Interruptions)

KUMARI UMA BHARATI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, what is this 'Ayurveda', 'Siddha' and 'Yoga'? Sir, it is like that 'Ayurved', 'Siddh' and 'Yog' and not what the hon. Minister is uttering.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : For the purpose I have called a conference on 18-19 February in which the concerned Health Ministers of all the States participated in it. Some resolutions were taken up. They ran into 23 pages. Besides, it has been asked to prepare an action plan in which the items of work to be done and its target time would be mentioned. It should be date-wise. For some matters, it has been prepared while for others, it would be made ready by 31 March. As far as the Budget is concerned, it was budgeted for Rs. 23 crores last year. It has been enhanced to Rs. 35 crore for the year. In this regard, I have asked the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission in writing about the meagre amount earmarked and demanded at least Rs. 100 crore for the current year. Since I am giving much more importance to this subject, I have asked the Secretary (Welfare), Ministry of Health, to divert some fund from the Welfare head to this system. I am uttering these words in the Parliament before you that I am going to divert Rs. 20-25 to 30 crore from the Budget of my Department and wish to provide the same to this system.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Purohit ji, is there anything left even after the second supplementary?

SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT : Mr. Chairman, Sir, today the burning issue before the country is that 50 per cent primary Health Centre in rural areas are found without doctors. 50 percent doctors have not been made available as the allopathic doctors who are holding M.B.B.S. degree don't like to visit there. The Government may issue an order and make it mandatory for doctors to serve rural areas.

MR. CHAIRMAN : That is suggestion.

SHRI SALIM IQBAL SHERWANI : Just now a question was raised to which I had replied that we had held a conference wherein five working groups were constituted. One working group had suggested that we have six lakh Ayurvedic practitioner and how we will utilise in villages. He is right our allopathic Doctors do not want to go there. I told you that a working Programme is being framed on our resolution which contains an agenda on how to get our villages benefited from these six lakh practitioners.

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Mr. Chairman, Sir, a separate cabinet committee was formed during Shri Narsimha Rao's premiership the reply suggests that Mr. Shervani is interested in Ayurvedic, Homeopathic and Allopathic. I congratulate him for that. We would have full complacent had there been a Minister exclusively for Ayurvedic or Mr. Shervani would have been dealing only Ayurvedic or the Indigenous pathies.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Earlier you were asking a supplementary, and now you are diverting him of his portfolio.

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : In your reply you have stated that out of 17 programmes in 14 it has been envisaged that reforms should be carried out and the increase should be checked. Whom you are telling all this? Mr. Minister, you have to do it. Whom you are wistructing. Just how you kindly told us that 30 crore more would be sanctioned. How unfortunate it is that you department sanctions only two and half paisa for five Desi pathies, i.e. Agriculture, Homeopathic, Unani, Sidh and Yoga. The remaining lion's share of fifty seven and half paisa are spent on allopathy. What you will do. At the most you will raise it from two and half paise to five paise. I don't think this Government takes this issue seriously, specially when the entire world is singing calogy of Ayurvedic. Everybody is taking keen interest in Ayurvedic in view of the side effects of alloptathic medicines. In such a state of affairs what your department would do with two and half paise. I don't think you would increase it their share to five paise (old) in a Rupee. You extant you inclucence and sanction adequate funds for them.

MR. CHAIRMAN : You put the question.

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : Will you kindly use your good offices and ask the Prime Minister to sanction more funds.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : I want co-operation from all of you so that I get more money for them. As for his question, the finality of our resolution was that we should do so. Besides that one Action Plan is being formulated in which dates and months have been decided. You always had your interest in it and you have always raised question on these issues. We will have our Action Plan by 31st, the copy of which

would be sent to you from that you can know what is going to be done and by when.

VAIDYA DAU DAYAL JOSHI : What are you doing about funds.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have already replied to that.

[English]

SHRI N.K. PREMCHANDRAN : Sir, Paragraph '8' of the statement of the answer given by the hon. Minister says : "All the existing research centres should be strengthened". The Central Homoeopathy Research Centre which is situated in Kurichy-Changanassery in Kottayam District is lacking infrastructural as well as research facilities. They have sent many proposals for improving the infrastructural as well as research facilities. But so far no action has been taken. Many representations have already been made to the hon. Minister, and even my learned friend, Shri Ramesh Chennithala, representing Kottayam constituency, has submitted many proposals for improving the infrastructural as well as research facilities.

On the basis of the answer which has been given in this House, I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government would take appropriate steps to improve the infrastructural as well as research facilities of the Homoeopathic Research Centre which is situated in Kottayam.

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : Sir, we are reviewing the whole situation. It is because we are constrained with the Budget and we have to manage with the funds which are available to us...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Those facilities which are existing in the Centre are also abandoned. I do not know what is the reason...*(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please let him reply. You cannot intervene like this.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : We have a plan to look into all these programmes. The CCRS Centre which you have mentioned is one of the areas that we are looking into.

We have decided that we will strengthen the existing research centres - not only strengthen them *vis-a-vis* with more Budget but also monitor the kind of research work that is going on there.

SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : The existing facilities should be strengthened...*(Interruptions)*

DR. C. SILVERA : Sir, the Indian system of medicines is a very important component of health care system of the country. The previous Prime Minister Shri P.V. Narasimha Rao has made this into a full-fledged Department and stress has been given that the Indian system of medicines in the country should progress further and further so that it comes within the reach of the rural population as well as the urban population. At

para 12 of the answer given, mention is made of pharmacopoeial standardisation. There are a number of products in the Indian system which need standardisation. How long is it going to take to have these various types of Indian system of medicines standardised? Mention also has been made that outside agencies be involved in projects for evolving standards. Which are the outside agencies which are going to help in evolving the standardisation of these Indian system of medicine products?

The medicinal plants are available in certain parts of the country. Mostly these medicinal and herbal plants are available in the hilly areas of the country. What incentives are being given by the Ministry so that these medicinal plants are grown, preserved and protected and also helped so that the people can take the benefit?

MR. CHAIRMAN : Dr. Silvera, you have already asked three Supplementaries...*(Interruptions)*

SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI : Sir, regarding the standardisation we have decided that the pharmacopoeial studies which are being conducted will end by the Ninth Five Year Plan and by that time we will have our total standardisation of all the medicines. This is the target that we have got and we are very hopeful that by the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan we will be achieving our pharmacopoeial standards.

When we talk about the outside agencies we are also involving the C.S.I.R. and the universities where the system is being taught so that they can also help us study the matter.

#### Chemical Weapon Convention

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\*304. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

DR. ASIM BALA :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether India has ratified the "Chemical Weapon Convention" (CWC);

(b) if so, the details in this regard and when it will come into force;

(c) whether United States, Russia, China and Pakistan are not among the 68 nations which have so far ratified the treaty;

(d) if so, whether India's ratification of the treaty without proper deliberations could harm the interest of its armed forces when Pakistan has not ratified the treaty; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to safeguard the security of the country?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I.K. GUJRAL) : (a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.